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## **WSDOT TO IMPLEMENT INTERNET BIDDING FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS USING BID EXPRESS®**

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) recently signed an agreement to implement electronic bidding via the Internet for highway construction contracts using Bid Express®.

Bid Express provides significant time and cost savings to both the agency and contractors by automating many currently manual processes and eliminating the need for contractors to travel to the bid opening location to submit bids in person. It allows contractors to submit sealed, secure bids over the Internet.

Contractors pay a monthly subscription fee for the basic service, and can elect additional add-on, bidding-related services, including access to on-line plan sheets, the small business network for reaching subcontractors, and a bid tab analysis service.

Contractors in Washington who wish to learn more about Bid Express can visit the Bid Express web site at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) or call Bid Express customer support at 1-352-381-4888 for information. WSDOT is currently in Beta testing and the system will be in full production mid August 2009.

Bid Express and WSDOT will conduct six four hour training sessions for Contractors interested in submitting bids electronically for WSDOT projects. The training is scheduled for 8:00 am to 12:00 am and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm August 10, through August 12, 2009. Capacity for these classes is limited 20 persons per session. Contractors interested in participating in this training are requested to contact Ms. Kari Slusser at (360) 705 7837 to register for the training and directions to the training facility.

### **About WSDOT:**

WSDOT currently advertises and awards 150 to 200 construction contracts per year. Public Bid Openings are held weekly in a central location through a hand delivered sealed paper bid process. With implementation of Bid Express as an alternative method to receive bids WSDOT expects to significantly reduce printing and administrative cost associated with this process. It is WSDOT's intent to offer internet bidding via the Bid Express service to Contractors submitting bids on our projects as an option to hand delivered sealed bids. This will eliminate cost associated with mailing or hand delivering a sealed bid. For more information on WSDOT project advertisement and award processes, contact WSDOT at (360) 705 7017 or [www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa)

### **About Bid Express:**

Bid Express is offered by BidX.com, an Info Tech company. Info Tech software is installed in 40 state departments of transportation, several hundred US cities and counties and two foreign countries, performing a wide range of functions from project estimation to contract administration to electronic bidding.. For more information, contact Info Tech at (352) 381-4400 or visit [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) or [www.infotechfl.com](http://www.infotechfl.com).

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